GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:353
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WHEAT EXPORT POLICY
GADDE RAMAMOHAN;M.V.V.S MURTHI

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the current wheat export policy had expired in October, 2001;

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Union Government to formulate new long-term wheat export policy;

(c) whether ASSOCHAM has also requested the Union Government in this regards; and

(d) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI PRADHAN)

(a),(b),(c)&(d): The Government of India fixes the export price of wheat at which itis offered from the Central Pool to the exporters. ASSOCHAM requested the Government to announce the export price of wheat with a longer validity period.Taking into account the interest of the exporters, it has been decided that in future, export prices for wheat and rice will be announced for a period of three months and the announcement of export prices will be made 45 days in advance.